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## UTILIZE WEATHER FORECASTS; REPORT IRTYSH ICE FLOE; GIVES WEATHER FOR LATVIAN SSR, OMSK CITY

INCREASE UTILIZATION OF WEATHER FORECASTS -- Leninskoye Znamya, 4 Jul 50

Weather conditions affect nearly all branches of the national economy. The study of westher changes, their effect on the national economy, and weather prediction is carried on by the Karelo-Finnish Main Administration of Hydrometeorological Service. However, the benefits of this institution have been insufficiently utilized.

Practice has shown that various economic activities can best be carried out when weather forecasts are consulted. For example, civil aviation can operate only when the forecast is for favorable weather. During May, the civil aviation plan for transporting goods was exceeded by over  $l_2^{\frac{1}{2}}$  times. The forecast for an early ice break up on rivers made it possible for the directors of the Southern Karelo-Finnish Timber Trust (Yuzhkarelles) to speed up work in preparation for floating timber. Moreover, the fish industry, guided by forecasts, had no shipwrecks and lost no fishing equipment during May.

On the other hand, all organizations do not make use of the service's benefits. The republic agricultural experimental station in Impilakhti set out tomato plants on 20 May, even though the weather forecast stated that plants easily frostbitten should be planted later. Consequently, these plants were killed by frosts occurring on 28 May.

It is hoped that the Hydrometeorological Service will be more fully utilized. If this is done, the service itself can be improved.

A. Volkov, chief, Forecasting Serv Dert Main Adm of Hydrometeorological Serv, Karelo-Finnish SSR

IÇE FLOE BEGINS ON IRTYSH RIVER -- Omskaya Pravda, 21 Apr 50

The Irtysh River and its tributaries, the Om' and Tara, are frozen solid. In the upper reaches from Ust'-Kamenogorsk to Pavlodar, the ice is broken. The level of the Irtysh during the winter increased by 25 centimeters on the Cherlak-Omek section, by 150 centimeters on the Tara-Ust'-Ishim section, 50

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centimeters on the Om'st Kalachinsk, and 120 centimeters on the Tara at Muromtsevo. On the Omsk-Ust's shim section, 20-50 centimeters of ice have melted. Since the ice this year is quite thick, it is possible for an ice block to form at the Zakhlaminskiy sandbank.

The ice floe is expected to begin on the following dates: at Cherlak on 23 April, at Omsk on 25 April, at Kartashovo and Ust'-Ishim on 26 April, and at Tara on 27 April.

BLIZZARD RAGES ON PAMIR MOUNTAINS -- Ogonek, Apr 50

A meteorological station is located on Fedchenko Glacier in the Pamir Mountains. Below, on the plains of Tadzhikistan, spring is in full bloom. Around the station, however, a showstorn is raging; at a distance of 300 meters, nothing is visible. At definite intervals, scientific workers record instrument readings on the temperature, humidity and air pressure, wind velocity, precipitation, and depth of snow cover. -- Sent by radio to Ogonek from G. S. Volkov, director of the station.

GIVES SPRING TEMPERATURES IN YAKUTSK -- Kommunist Tadzhikistana, 5 Apr 50

Yakutsk -- Spring has come to the area north of Yakutsk. Daytime temperature, even in the polar zone in Oymekan, does not drop below 14-16 degrees above zero. Daylight lasts 15 hours.

LATVIAN WEATHER REPORTS -- Sovetskaya Letviya, 8 Jun 50

On 7 June, minimum temperature in the Latvian SSR was 2-3 degrees above zero at night (Stende, Saldus) and 24-25 degrees above zero during the day (all readings are centigrade).

In the next 2 days, light to moderate cloudiness, predominantly without precipitation, is expected. Night temperature will be 7-12 degrees above zero; day temperature 18-24 degrees above zero.

Sovetskaya Latviya, 10 Jun 50

On 10 June and in the 2 days following, Latvian SSR is expected to have cloudy weather, clearing intermittently. Brief showers will fall in some places. The wind blowing from the northwest quarter will shift to the southwest, and will te moderate to strong. Night temperature will be 12-16 degrees and day temperature 18-22 degrees above zero.

Sovetskaya Latviya, 13 Jun 50

On 13 June and in the next 2 days, weather in the Latvian SSR is expected to be slightly cloudy without precipitation. The temperature is expected to rise gradually and the wind to slacken in velocity.

OMSK WEATHER REPORT -- Omskaya Pravda, 14 Apr 50

On 14 April, the weather at Omsk is expected to be slightly cloudy and without precipitation. The wind will be light to moderate. The temperature will be zero to 5 degrees below zero.

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Omskaya Pravda, 21 Apr 50

On 21 April, Omsk is expected to have scattered clouds, but no precipitation. Wind will be from a northerly direction, moderate to fresh. The temperature will be 2-8 degrees above zero.

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